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BRYCE TO LEAVE U.S.

His Probable Successor Has an American Wife.

London, Dec. 14.—It is authoritatively stated in London that Ambassador James Bryce, British ambassador at Washington, has been requested to come to London to consult with government authorities principally in reference to the relations between the United States and Japan. There is little likelihood of his return to the Washington post, and it is generally understood Sir Henry Howard, present minister to the Netherlands, stationed at The Hague, will succeed him.



Sir Henry Howard.

It would be impossible to find a more capable representative to the United States than Sir Henry Howard. He has devoted his life to diplomatic service in many countries, including the United States, Netherlands, Guatemala, Greece, Denmark, China, Russia and France. His career is marked by



Ambassador James Bryce.

advancement after advancement from one post to another because of his ability. Sir Henry Howard will be 65 years old next August. In 1867 he married Miss Cecelia Riggs, daughter of a banker in Washington, D. C. His diplomatic career has been varied. In 1894 he was made minister plenipotentiary, in 1898 envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary. In 1897 he received the Rubens medal and in 1899 the coronation medal. While the United States regrets the withdrawal of the able and popular James Bryce it is exceedingly fortunate in having sent to this important position a man so capable and friendly as Sir Henry Howard.

POSTMASTER RODGER'S DON'TS.
Good Advice to People Who Send Away Christmas Packages.

Here are a few Christmas "don'ts" handed out by Postmaster A. K. Rodgers to people who intend sending away presents through the mails.

Don't leave your packages on top of a mail box.
Don't write the address on the package in pencil, use pen and ink.
Don't tie the package insecurely.
Don't wait until the day before Christmas to mail your package.
The Christmas rush has not yet commenced locally though the weight that the mail carriers carry is gradually being added to from day to day with bulky and attractive looking packages which have a suggestive holiday appearance.

McGraw's Big Ball Deal.
New York, Dec. 14.—After hours of discussion and despite the opposition of Barney Dreyfus of Pittsburgh, Johnny McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, managed to put through a big deal with the Boston club in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel last night. The trade consisted of the surrender of Frank Bowdman, Ed Browne, Cecil Ferguson, Dan McGinn and either "Wild Bill" Dahlen or Hannafin in exchange for Fred Tenney, Bridwell and Needham of the Boston team.

Mike Kelly to Manage Toronto.
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 14.—Mike Kelly, an American Association player, has been engaged to manage the Toronto baseball club. He will play first base.

LION TAMER SUIT ENDS.

Mrs. James Withdraws It Just Before It Reaches the Jury.

Mrs. Ethel James, who aspired to be a lion tamer, after twelve years as a telegraph operator, withdrew her suit for \$15,000 brought against C. W. Parker, the Parker Amusement company, Harry Tyler, Roy Drennon, Jerry Barnes, Dollie Barnes and Al G. Barnes, because she was chewed up by lions while performing with the animals in a show attached to the Parker Amusement company.

Defeat was staring her in the face when the case was withdrawn and it was only the hasty interposition of the attorneys for Mrs. James that kept Judge John Pollock from instructing the jury to bring in a verdict against the plaintiff.

After both sides had rested Judge Pollock made a summary of the evidence which had been brought out in the testimony and indicated clearly that he thought whatever blame attached to the accident was upon the shoulders of Mrs. James herself. After making brief remarks along this line he turned to give his instructions to the jury. A hasty consultation ensued among the attorneys for the plaintiff and then James W. Orr, one of the attorneys, arose and asked permission of the court to withdraw the suit. This was granted over the objections of the opposing counsel after suitable bond had been offered.

The suit will now probably be brought in the state court where if the plaintiff secures outside of the state the maximum amount of the recovery that can be secured in a suit of this nature is \$1,900. Mrs. James has resided in Topeka three months and it is possible for that matter after a suitable elapse of time for her to declare herself a resident of this state. In this event she would be able to ask for any amount she might please in bringing suit.

As in a great many law suits both sides were confident of victory and so expressed themselves without reservation shortly before the case came to a conclusion. A case such as is met with but once in a lifetime was the opinion the Judge Pollock expressed of the unusual features which attached to the suit.

"This is of course in many respects a most singular case. Probably such a case as would not be met with but once in a lifetime," said he. "Here is the complainant who was very seriously injured; that is not disputed. She was seriously injured in a hazardous profession. The cause that induces the holding of such performances as these is the desire of the people to see a person, particularly a woman, placed in such a position. It is by reason of the spectacle of a woman in a cage of lions, that the animals are considered dangerous, that attract men, women and children. If it had been a bear, an equally tame and domestic animal there would have been no attraction in the performance.

"It is true that when one enters on a service that is hazardous they take all the responsibility of such hazards. My judgment is, on the matter of the contract between C. W. Parker and Creamer and Tyler, when taking in connection all of the facts, was a lease. C. W. Parker was the manufacturer of the equipment of shows. He does not pretend to operate a show but he makes contracts to furnish equipment to those who operate shows. Parker is too far removed from this case. This woman did not accept employment from him. She did not accept employment with the animal show under the understanding that Parker was to compensate her. Her employment was with Jerry Barnes and Al G. Barnes. Coming down to Tyler and Creamer, they are in charge of the equipment. I do not think that the relation of these parties as the plaintiff contends. Creamer and Tyler made a contract with Jerry Barnes to bring this lot into the aggregation. She could not have held them for compensation. Now as far as the Parker Amusement company is concerned there is of course no question. It was just a convenient name used to advertise these aggregation of shows."

Judge Pollock then stated that Mrs. James had apparently stood four or five feet from the cage door and beyond calling out that she wanted to get out of the cage that she made no move to escape. "If there was any evidence to show that she attempted to escape, I wouldn't question her complaint a minute. But she relied on herself; she simply took the risk on herself."

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of Cod Liver Oil supplies carbon to the blood and tissues and makes you warm and comfortable all over. It is a safeguard against colds and all the ills that follow them.

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SNAPSHOTS

Ladies free to the skating at Music hall tonight. Marshall's band.

Oak Grange will hold a two days' meeting Tuesday and Wednesday, for which an interesting programme has been provided.

Topeka was visited by a light snow fall early this morning. The prospects look good for more snow later in the day and tomorrow.

The big alien of the Continental Creamery kept up a continual screech Friday. It was telling the story of the Y. M. C. A. canvass for members.

The window displays of the Kansas avenue merchants would warrant an admission charge. Oh, yes, a Kansas City man who is visiting Topeka relatives.

A second reduction has been made in the working hours of the employees of the shops of the Santa Fe reducing their hours from nine to eight as a working day.

At the oratorical contest held at Washburn college last night, Ludwig Kramery kept up a continual screech representing Washburn in the state oratorical contest in the spring.

Frank Tinney, the clever black face comedian at the Majestic won't quit the stage now that he has inherited \$50,000—Oh, yes, he will just keep on doing funny stunts.

The sudden termination of the damage suit of Mrs. Ethel James in the federal court suggests the idea that the lion tamer who does not receive the mention he feels is due him.

S. W. Sunday was granted a permit for the erection of a \$3,000 residence at 2324 Tenth street. Work will commence immediately providing the Sunday ordinance does not conflict.

There is just one druggist who has refused to close his store from Saturday night until Monday morning. His competitors say that he is obstinate and he says that he is not and that's the end of it.

Professor Hildan Jebe, instructor of violin at Washburn college, filed a declaration of intention in the office of violin at Washburn college, filed a is always the first step in becoming a naturalized American citizen.

Today is the last chance for Topeka's smokers to lay in their supply of Sunday cigars and smoking tobacco. If it isn't done today there will be several who will have to refrain from smoking tomorrow.

"The frequency with which that couples' names appear in the society papers of the city suggests that they are paying for the notices at line rates," grumbled an old grump who does not receive the mention he feels is due him.

According to W. H. Hodgins, former captain of the New York police department, this city should have a few traffic regulations for the benefit of Kansas avenue. Some of the customs in Topeka he says are punishable by fines in towns no larger than Topeka.

The machinery and equipment of the Lewis-Tuttle Manufacturing company for which a receiver was recently appointed, has been purchased by the Jensen Manufacturing company which will continue the building of seed cleaners at the factory on Eighth and Holiday street.

Judging from the fact that the membership committee of the Y. M. C. A. secured 433 new members and renewals in a one day campaign, the money stringency about which so much has been heard of late is not a stringency at all as far as this community is concerned.

At the annual meeting of the Archæological society held at the home of Dr. J. C. McClintock last night the following officers were elected for the year 1908: A. H. Thompson, president; Mrs. J. C. McClintock, vice president; Professor F. H. Clark, secretary; Professor W. J. Geary, treasurer.

"There are several things to recommend the trip around the north pole which a New York man proposes to make in an automobile," suggested a Topeka owner of a big automobile. "There would be no mud to impede speed, no chickens to be killed or farmer's dogs to be dodged or teams to be frightened and last but by no means least, no city ordinances to be broken."

BRYAN GOING SOUTH.

He Will Address Oklahoma Legislature December 21.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14.—William J. Bryan will deliver an address to the members of the Oklahoma legislature December 21. Mr. Bryan will leave Lincoln next week and will stop at Emporia on his way to Texas. In the latter state he will spend three or four days with friends. Then he will continue his trip in the south and will return to Lincoln, January 10.

WAS FIRST KANSAS EDITOR.

W. H. Adams, a Pioneer Newspaper Man, Dies at Springfield.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 14.—W. H. Adams, the publisher of the first weekly newspaper and later the first daily ever published in Kansas, died here at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. P. Patterson. He was 86 years old.

The first newspaper printed in Kansas was published under an elm tree near the Missouri river on what became Front street in Leavenworth. The plant for the paper was purchased by Mr. Adams in St. Louis and shipped to Leavenworth. There was no building to house the cases were erected and set up under the elm tree. The first number of the paper, the Kansas Herald, was published September 14, 1854. A few days later lumber for a house arrived and as soon as the building was partly up the plant was moved into it.

Reserve Agents for Kansas Banks.
Washington, Dec. 14.—The Central National bank of St. Louis is approved as reserve agent for the Caney Valley National bank of Caney, Kan., the National Bank of the Republic of Kansas City for the Howard National bank of Howard, Kan.; the Continental National bank of Chicago for the Humboldt National bank of Humboldt, Kan., and the First National bank of Madison, Kan.; the New England National bank of Kansas City for the First National bank of Overbrook, Kan.; and the First National bank of Newton, Kan.; the Interstate National bank of Kansas City, Kan., for the First National bank of Overbrook, Kan.; the Union National bank of Kansas City for the First National bank of Clinton, Okla., and the People's National bank of Kingfisher, Okla.

NEW COINS AT PREMIUM

Double Eagles Are Selling for \$28 in New York.

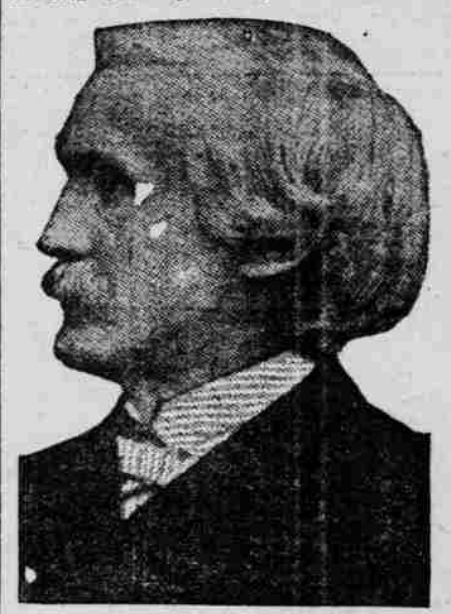
New York, Dec. 14.—The fact that the new \$20 gold pieces are very scarce and that collectors are already paying a large premium for them, has started a rumor among the young men of Wall street, who some day hope to be brokers, that a mistake was made at the mint and that there is more than \$20 worth of gold in the coins. For that reason there is a scramble along the curb in the street to obtain the new coins. Only a small number were sent to the subtreasury in New York, and they were quickly bought up by collectors. Now the demand has grown so strong that as high as \$28 is being offered for the coins.

It has been announced that when the next issue is made there will be several changes in the coins and this, of course, is what has made the demand from collectors and dealers. However, the Wall street young men are not convinced and in spite of the positive denial of the mint authorities they still believe that there is more gold in the new coins than there should be.

TO DOUBLE BEER TAX.

Plan of a Congressman to Raise Fund For Waterways.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Representative Acheson of Pennsylvania is the latest to propose new burdens for the brewer and beer drinkers. He has introduced in the house of representatives a voluminous document suggesting that the tax on beer be raised from \$1 to \$2 per barrel and that the revenue therefrom be placed to the credit of the rivers and harbors of the country. Representative Acheson figures that navigation of the beer stream has now become sufficiently successful to warrant reciprocal cooperation in making equally successful navigation of the rivers and harbors of the land. He contends that there were \$2,630,000 barrels of beer sold in this country last year. Were his



Congressman E. F. Acheson.

idea to become law, therefore, he would acquire an additional income of \$2,000,000 to be used for waterway improvements. "Two dollars was the tax during the Spanish-American war," theorizes Mr. Acheson, "and it was considered in no way excessive and the price of beer was not raised. I believe such a tax to be a good thing and even if it should stop a part of the beer drinking the country would not be a decided loser because beer, unlike wine, has a tendency to dull the wits instead of sharpening them."

Mr. Acheson is himself a prominent member of the committee on rivers and harbors of the house and therefore feels entitled to father a rivers and harbors improvement income law.

PUMPING UP GAS.

A Hutchinson Man Thinks He Has a Natural Bonanza.

Hutchinson, Dec. 14.—Natural gas is burning in a pump in the barn of former Councilman Clarence Howard at 701 Avenue F east. All you have to do is to work the pump and light a match and you have an illumination. It's as pretty a blue flame as you can get from any of the pipes or the burners of the natural gas company. Hundreds of people have gone there today to see the wonderful blaze and all are speculating as to what it really means. It is natural gas, all right, and the natural gas people say it is not caused by a leak in the mains, either.

May Stop Football at Emporia.

Emporia, Kan., Dec. 14.—The board of regents of the state normal met here Friday. A resolution prohibiting normal students from participating in intercollegiate football games was introduced, but was laid over until the next meeting that the regents might have more time to consider it.

Choked on a Cocklebur.

Ottawa, Kan., Dec. 14.—The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Clark, living south of Ottawa, choked to death on a cocklebur which became lodged in its throat while a sister was playing with the child.

Humphrey's Seventy-seven appeals to the slender pocket book, caused by the hard times, it is the most economical remedy in existence, one twenty-five cent vial often curing a whole family.

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Saturday Night SPECIALS

On Sale After Seven

Here is a list of bargains which will be on sale to-night. Goods taken from our regular stock and greatly reduced in price for special selling after seven. Many of them are suitable for Christmas gifts.

Wire Hair Pins—assorted sizes in a fancy cabinet. They sell regularly at 5c; to-night after seven. 3c

Women's Hose—medium weight black cotton hose; all sizes. 10c is the usual price; tonight after seven. 7½c

Holly Ribbon—You'll want a lot of it for tying up Christmas packages. Better get it to-night. Note the special prices.

No. 3 Holly Ribbon, 6c reg.; tonight. . . 3½c

No. 5 Holly Ribbon, 7½c reg.; tonight. . . 5c

No. 12 Holly Ribbon, 12½c reg. tonight 8½c

Back Combs—An odd lot of back combs with fancy metal tops, some set with rhine stones, 25c and 50c val., tonight. . . 10c

Doilies—12-inch round and oval Doilies made of fine union linen with finished scalloped edge with row of double hemstitching inside. 20c values; tonight. 13c

Pennants—Washburn and High School Pennants made of felt. Regular 20c and 25c values; tonight after seven. . . 15c

Men's Silk Handkerchiefs—Colored silk Handkerchiefs with white polka dot and cross bar'd pats. 25c val. tonight. . . 15c

Short Kimonos—made of fancy figured Challie Francaise, trimmed with satin down the front and around the sleeves; pinks, blues, etc. Regularly 59c; tonight. . . 35c

Boy's Shoes—Tonight we will sell any pair of Boys' Shoes at 50c less than the regular price. By buying tonight after seven you will save. 50c

Pictures—Passeportouts and photo colors in inch and a half and two inch gilt frames; sizes up to 11x24, together with a special lot of gilt framed plaques. Pictures which are really worth up to \$2 each. Special; tonight after seven. \$1

Change of Business Sale

Closing out the Jewelry Department

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China. Bracelets

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½ doz. Table Forks \$1.68
½ doz. Tea Spoons \$1.68
½ doz. Dessert Spoons \$2

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Tea Sets \$2.00
Butter Knife & Sugar \$1.00

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